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#### The Joys of Science



Amy Maine, a UNO history graduate student, left, and Samantha Maine check out a tornado tube at the UNO Planetarium Science Store in the Durham Science Center.

#### **Experts Gather for Racism, Youth Violence Conference**

and a way of thinking. To a certain degree, it is part of everyone who lives in a racist society," said Raphael Ezekiel, of the Harvard School of Public Health.

"Like it or not, part of your soul includes elements of racism. If we do not identify the elements . . . of racism that we have unconsciously absorbed, we may harm ourselves as well as others who matter is our daily life."

Ezekiel and Deborah Prothrow-Stith, also of the Harvard School of Public Health, are scheduled to speak at the Youth Violence and Racism conference Nov. 14 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. The conference will deal with youth violence, racism and the health of American society.

"One goal of this conference is to raise public awareness of the violence and racism that is in our communities. The other goal is to work toward solutions," said Mary Macchietto, of the UNO College of Continuing Studies. Macchietto is in charge of managing the conferences that come to UNO.

"The Racist Within," by Ezekiel will be the conference's featured speech.

"Ezekiel has worked in areas where he studied the Ku Klux Klan and skinheads," Macchietto said. This research was used in his book, "The Racist Mind".

Ezekiel graduated from the University of Chicago and received his doctorate. in social psychology at the University of California at

"Racism is a way of perceiving the world Berkeley. For 31 years he was the professor of psychology at the University of Michigan, but he is now researching youth violence prevention at the Harvard School of Public

The planned keynote speaker is Prothrow-Stith, a nationally recognized leader in public health. Her speech is titled "Youth Vio-

"She [Prothrow-Stith] is a foremost authority on youth violence. She is a very wonderful and dynamic speaker," Macchietto

Prothrow-Stith received her bachelor's degree from Spelman College and her MD from Harvard Medical School. While working as a resident at Boston City Hospital, she became very interested in violence as a societal disease that can be stopped through different public health tactics. She is now chief spokeswoman for a national movement to prevent violence and is in favor of strict scientific methods of violence prevention.

She is also works to build up local, state and federal programs for preventing violence. Prothrow-Stith is the author of the book "Hidden Casualties: Relation Between Violence and Learning" and is co-author of "Deadly Consequences," a book that offers answers to the violence in America.

The UNO College of Continuing Studies,

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#### Vice Chancellor Candidate Offers Simple Approach

#### Retention, parents are Hyman's focuses

By Cami Stenglein-Reardon

Believing in simple but powerful gestures such as positive reinforcement from faculty and staff and involving more students in campus life, are two essentials that help make a college campus, said Randy Hyman, the second candidate for the position of vice chancellor of student services and enrollment management at UNO.

"My philosophy is an honest, straightforward approach," Hyman said.

Hyman is currently the associate vice president for student affairs at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind..

He is responsible for leading all administrative, personnel and management functions in the Student Educational and Developmental Services area of the university.

Hyman teaches secondary, higher, and foundations of education. He also serves on the research, curriculum, policy and social

Paying close attention to student needs is important, Hyman said, and he works with developing programs to enhance student retention.

"When students get involved in the retention issue, along with the student affairs department, it is more effective than if the department does it all alone."

A program called Enrollment Systems and Procedures Network at Ball State analyzes re-engineering systems to make it easier for students to obtain help, Hyman said.

"A so called one-stop-shopping area where all the necessary student facilities are located in one building. We are making the services more accessible to students, and students will be able to access and utilize information. This helps eliminate red tape, and a lot can be done to make any campus user friendly."

Hyman said there are always more and creative ways to respond to individual students needs.

"There is a lot to be said for effort on my part too. It's not unusual to find me in a town hall meeting at one of our residential halls at 10 p.m. on a Tuesday or Wednesday night to discuss problems or concerns," he said. "If I wasn't willing to make that effort here, I wouldn't have looked at this position. The faculty has a responsibility to help get students involved. Faculty members and staff are the most powerful retention agent in higher education today."

Parents, Hyman said, are an important part of the college student's life.

"I also believe in getting the parents involved during the orientation process, and telling them what to expect when visiting or

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#### Scientist Discusses Search for, Chances of Extraterrestrial Life

By Cami Stenglein-Reardon

Questioning whether life exists on other planets in the galaxy besides Earth is one topic Wendy Hagen-Bauer, a scientist and professor at Wellesley University, and other scientists around the nation address

Hagen-Bauer recently spoke at UNO about the likelihood of extraterrestrial life within our galaxy and beyond.

"It's 100,000 light years across our galaxy, and the largest galaxy closest to the earth is two million light years away," Hagen-Bauer said.

The study of possible extraterrestrial life had not been popular until recently, Hagen-Bauer said. As scientists have furthered their work on star formation theories, the possibilities became more apparent that life could exist elsewhere. This became a popular theory in the late 1950s

and early 1960s.

"As far as we know, it takes a civilization fourand-a-half billion years to grow in technology and be able to communicate across the galaxy," Hagen-Bauersaid, "Our star, the sun, is believed to be 30



percent brighter at present than immediately following the big bang.

"Our sun is only massive enough for the contents of its core to go to carbon. It

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#### NSIDE



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#### Snow's Youthful Joy **Becomes Adulthood Dread**

Shannon Hoffman

Columnist

couldn't wait until the first snowfall?

When I was a kid, I used to sit and watch the newscast hoping the weatherman would predict snow. With the first snowflake, I would call the radio and TV stations to see if we were going to have school the next day, even if the snow did not stick.

All night I'd dream how I would spend my day without school: sleeping in, feeling all warm and toasty, snuggled up in my bed. Mom would make a pancake breakfast with sausage and hash browns. I'd make faces at my two brothers from the picture window,

teasing them as they shoveled the driveway. And I'd dream of going sledding at Springlake Park on my "Flying Disk."

Soon my alarm would sound, blaring its annoying tone. I'd

do a flying leap to my window and hope to see a thick covering of snow, only to have my dreams shattered-no snow. Another day in boring Catholic grade school.

Recently, I woke up late for my 9 a.m. class having neglected to listen to the weather the night before. I wore a thick sweater and a thermal undershirt, so I wouldn't have to wear a jacket. I wore my good, non-waterproof shoes and didn't pack my gloves.

I guessed the high to be about 40-50 degrees. Somewhere between 9 a.m. and 9:50 a.m., it decided to snow. I turned the corner from my biology lecture in the Engineering Building to see the white flakes, blowing in the wind, outside the window. I looked pretty stupid, just wearing a sweater.

"Why didn't you wear a coat today? Didn't you listen to the news?" My friend said, while laughing at me, and handing me an extra pair of gloves.

"Oh, you know, you can't trust the weatherman, especially in Nebraska. They'll say, 'it's gonna snow' and it's like 60 and sunny that day." Instead of admitting how stupid I was, I blamed it on Bill Randby.

When I got home that afternoon I had to pack away some things in my room (we're

Remember when you were a child and you moving in a week and a half). I stumbled upon old sledding pictures from the fourth grade. That year we were out of school for three days in a row. My stepfather and mom did not go to work. We spent our afternoons up at Springlake on "Terror Hill." We rented videos, ate chili and drank plenty of hot chocolate with marshmallows. I was having the time of my life at age 9. Now, almost 12 years later, I realize how much I hate snow.

> How could I, after all those years of waiting for the first snow, just cringe at the sight of a snowflake. I believe it started the winter after I got my driver's license. I loved driving

> > with someone during a snow storm. I had the incredible fear that I was going to die while driving my car in a blizzard. I had an '82 Monte Carlo with big snow tires and no front-

wheel drive. That whole winter I dreaded to even hear the word snow. Unfortunately, it snowed and I was stuck in school. I thought about walking home, but I felt like such a big wuss leaving my car at school. So I got in and drove through three inches of snow on icy roads. I was doing OK until I turned the corner to my house. I live down a steep hill and with a steep driveway. I got stuck in the street. I remember sitting and crying until I called my older brother for help. He pulled the car up as if it was no problem. From that day on, it was my mission to get my Monte up the drive. For the three winters I had that car, I got it up twice. Now that I have a front wheel job, I've only missed once.

Thinking back about all the years I was afraid to drive in the snow makes me wonder how I survived five years of winter driving. I guess it's all behind me. Now I have to stock up on all those new microwavable hats, gloves and scarves. So when I walk around campus I'll feel all nice and toasty, instead of complaining about how much I hate Nebraska weather. I remember walking home from grade school being happy that it was winter. See what growing up will do to a person?



#### Editor's Notes

—I received a lot of inquires this week about why the Gateway ran so many stories from the College Press Service in our Tuesday issue. The fact is that we didn't run any more wire stories on Tuesday than we have in some past issues.

I think people noticed the wire stories in this issue because of the College Press Service story I ran on the front page about the U.S. House of Representatives voting to cut direct student loans. I decided that such a story has important news value to a campus where 50 percent or more of the student body receive some sort of financial aid.

If you have any concerns regarding our wire service or the content of the paper, please direct them to me either by letter to the editor, a phone call to our office or by E-

-The Gateway is proud to announce that Deb Derrick and Adrienne Rabick, two staff members, are among the 20 winners of the third annual American Cancer Society's media awards. Emilie Mindrup received a certificate of merit.

According to the cancer society news release, the "entries were judged on professionalism and originality in presenting information and content and educates the public about cancer."

Tom O' Connor, of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's public affairs staff, was also among the winners.

We would like to commend all of them on their awards.

—It seems that awards are in the air. Gateway Editor Veronica Burgher and Advertising Manager Lisa Tosoni were among the 79 UNO students who were nominated and accepted into the 1996 edition of Who' Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

-We would like to extend our wishes for a speedy recovery to University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith, who under went a coronary angioplasty at Lincoln's Bryan Memorial Hospital on Wednesday morning. A news release said that the procedure was successful and President Smith is in excellent condition. It also said that he is scheduled to be released Friday and plans to resume his schedule next week.

Veronica Burgher, editor-in-chief

#### Women's Studies is Vital to Future

Dear Editor.

I write in full support and enthusiasm for the development of a women's studies department on the campus of UNO. The support for women's studies by the student body is obvious in the overwhelming number of registrations for women's studies courses. This is an indication that a women's studies department will not "drain" the system of resources but rather strengthen the offerings of UNO. The support of a women's studies department beyond the campus is shown by the focus of corporations, government and education regarding the issue of diversity.

The establishment of a women's studies department will provide opportunities for research which will benefit society by defining and exploring the female perspective. Progress will be made in areas of politics as more

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women are elected into office, medical advancements in the area of women's health issues as research is focused specifically on women, and strengthened families through advancement of equality in marriage. Women's studies will provide needed information and education as gender barriers are dissolved.

The women's studies department will represent all women. The curriculum will go beyond stereo type issues of stay-at-home mothers and abortion by addressing the avenues women use to convey information throughout history. Women's studies is not gender-bashing as some claim it to be, but rather an organized structure that chooses to view society from a different perspective, a female perspective. Gender of the individual is irrelevant; it is the gender of the ideologies that is the issue. Women's studies addresses that issue.

Chelle Williams **UNO Student** 

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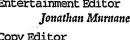
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when their child comes home to visit. I am more than open to helping students and organizations and encourage personal contact with students for my staff."

A graduate of State University of New York, Hyman also received a Master of Education degree at the University of Vermont in Burlington and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Florida in Gainsville.

He served as the assistant director of housing for residence life at the University of Florida. At South Dakota State University he was the associate dean of student affairs and assistant professor of higher education. There, he was in charge of the food service, judicial affairs, institutional assessment, student information systems and helped develop the college of student personnel services and American higher education, where he also taught.

Hyman has presented workshops to students and staff on topics such as advising student groups, personalization for the environment, interview training and time management.

He is a member of the Institutional Steering Committee for Ball State and has received the NASPA Melvene Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award. He is also involved in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the NASPA Journal editorial board, the Board of Directors, the Research and Program Development Division, and he is the Indiana Representative for the Region IV-E Board of Directors for the NASPA.

He has also written several publications, including "Linking Theory to Practice: Case Studies for Working with College Students."

"I feel that I have a strong base of experience... and I am fairly good at it. I'm not just an administrator, I'm an educator. I feel that I am a good, experienced role model. I wouldn't be interested in this position if I wasn't willing to do what it takes."

# All Smiles at Exhibit Opening All Smiles at Exhibit Opening

## Student Pressure Causes Senate to Amend Aid Bill

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Faced with increased pressure from students and educators, the U.S. Senate voted late Friday to scrap billions of dollars of proposed cuts that would have increased student loan costs to students, their families and colleges.

The Senate voted unanimously for an amendment that stripped three provisions—each unpopular on campuses—from its budget-cutting bill. The Jeffords-Kassebaum-Snowe amendment reduces the overall cut to student aid by \$5.8 billion, down from \$10.8 billion. It also:

- eliminates a tax on colleges of 0.85 percent of their student loan volume.
- restores the six-month grace period in which the government pays the interest on the loans of students who have graduated.
- removes the increase in the interest rate on PLUS loans.

"This was a significant victory for students and colleges through an effective legislative campaign that brought the entire college community together," said Sen. Paul Simon (D-III.), who helped forge the compromise. "The solidarity of the higher education community was crucial."

From e-mail to phone calls, students flooded legislators with messages protesting the cuts.

"We heard from senators who said their staffers were swamped with phone calls and letters," said Laura Wilcox, spokesperson for the American Council on Education. "They weren't about to ignore that, and they didn't."

Ivan Frishberg, director of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, says that the efforts of students had a direct impact on the Senate vote. "In the week before the vote, there were more than 6,000 calls to Congress from students," Frishberg said. "They really made their voices heard."

Jeannette Galanis, president of the United States Student Association, says students realized how bleak their student aid situation could have been and reacted. "People took the time out to make phone calls and write letters because it's their future that's at stake," Galanis said. "They said, This is it. Enough is enough."

Frishberg agrees. "Sen. (Nancy L.) Kassebaum originally defended her first proposal to the hilt, telling students how everyone had to make sacrifices," he said. "Then she turned around and proposed that we wipe out all the education cuts that she just defended."

Michael Lowen, a senior at DePaul University in Chicago, says the recent threats to the direct student loan program made him get involved. "This was the first time I really felt

like something was at stake," Lowen said. "When you see that there's a chance of your loan getting reduced or your grant shrinking, you don't have a choice."

But while Kassebaum (R-Kansas) eventually led the effort to kill the three major provisions that came out of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, which she chairs, the final Senate bill kept a proposed 20-percent-cap on the total volume of loans provided through direct lending.

Direct lending is the program under which student loan dollars are doled out directly to colleges from the Department of Education, bypassing banks and lending institutions. Proponents of direct lending say the program saves on paperwork, gives students more repayment options, and provides students with their loan money more quickly. Currently, 40 percent of all schools are enrolled in direct lending.

Secretary of Education Richard Riley says the notion of cutting back schools who currently receive direct loans doesn't make sense. "This action will deny these schools the opportunity to participate in a program that they have voluntarily selected," he said.

Still, Riley said he was relieved to see some compromise on the Senate's part, even if they "acted only after a storm of protest shamed the senators into taking the right course."

An aide to Kassebaum, however, said that the interests of the students were considered all along. "We tried to work out a compromise that worked for everyone," said Joel Bacon. "To say that Sen. Kassebaum wanted to make life harder for students is absurd. She was acting in the best interests of the country."

While student leaders say they believe they have come a long way in their battle to reduce cuts to student aid, they emphasize their fight is far from over.

A House plan, also approved last week, would eliminate direct lending altogether, end the six-month interest waiver for new graduates and increase the loan rate on PLUS loans. Next, House and Senate members will meet to work out differences between the two proposals.

"There will be some sort of compromise between the Senate and the House on direct lending," says Steven Gauck, a student leader at the University of Vermont. "At worst, the House and banking industry will get their way and completely eliminate it. At best, it'll be limited to 20 percent [of loan volume]. The most likely case is the compromise will end up somewhere in the middle, and still far from where we need to be."

#### **UNO Athletic Department** Focuses on Fund Raising

By Megan Conway

Since 1986, when the university under went major budget cuts, the athletic department has been faced with raising 80 percent of its annual \$2.5 million budget.

To this day, the department has been successful in fund raising. Now, because of a commitment to the chancellor and the returned leadership of Don Leahy as athletic director, the department is working to improve its fund-raising efforts and to enhance the program.

#### Big Budget, Little Aid

The \$2.5 million budget covers operational, travel and equipment expenses, faculty salaries and athletic scholarships for all nine sports currently offered at UNO.

Of this amount, only half a million is awarded in state aid. The responsibility of raising the remaining \$2 million falls solely on the athletic department.

"We don't get enough state dollars to pay for out salaries, yet alone travel, equipment and everything else we need," said Assistant Athletic Director Connie Claussen.

This amount is generated partly by gate receipts, endowed scholarships, student fees, pickle cards, summer camps, gifts in kind and advertising, but mostly by fund raising and private and corporate donations.

#### Year-Round Effort

In order to raise money, fund-raising efforts take place year-round, starting in the fall.

During October, student athletes took part in a jog-a-thon. Claussen said the activity brought in anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000, but she did not have the exact figures yet.

Also this fall, more than 130 members of the faculty and staff took part in a payroll deduction fund-raiser, which raised close to \$15,000.

Participants were asked to either to make a flat donation or contribute a set amount per pay period.

"The university is not able to fund the programs and without private donations, many of the programs would be discontinued," said Colleen Brown, clinic coordinator for speech pathology.

Individual sports also contribute by holding tournaments or running clinics such as Hoopsters and Mini Mavs, basketball teams for children in the second through fourth grades

Of all the fund-raisers, the Diet Pepsi UNO Women's Walk for Women's Athletes has proven to be the most successful, raising more than \$700,000 in the past 10 years. Last

year, on its 10th anniversary, \$105,000 was raised and more than 1,000 people took part.

"It's a very important event for the program, not only because of the money, but the contacts," Claussen said.

The walk takes place on a Saturday morning in April at the UNO Fieldhouse and lasts 30 minutes. It is organized by a steering committee, headed by Sheri Idelman, chief operating officer of Idelman Telemarketing. The committee asks local companies to sponsor at least one team and then appoints a captain, who must recruit team members and pledges. Diet Pepsi donates \$15,000 to underwrite expanses.

"It's important to UNO women athletes because of the funding, and because of that I'm willing to help support it and get it going," Idelman said.

All the proceeds fund scholarships for women athletes and help defray traveling costs.

#### **More Annual Events**

Because of the success of the women's walk, Leahy said, the athletic department is focusing on establishing three more annual fund-raisers, which would be similar in nature to the walk.

"We want to get people involved and have events become annual," Leahy said.

One idea being considered is to expand small golf tournaments already being held into a celebrity golf outing. Another possibility is a professional wrestler's night.

Besides fund-raising, the avenue the athletic department uses to solicit funds is the private sector and the corporate world, however, this takes a special approach.

"Our philosophy is that a one-on-one approach rather than letters is much more effective, even though it is extremely time consuming," Leahy said.

This method often means playing phone tag, juggling appointments and putting in extra hours.

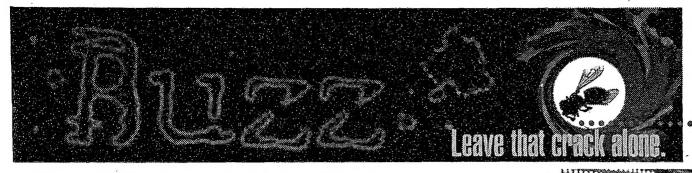
"The people we call are busy people, because people who are busy work hard and they are the ones who have the means to contribute to the program," Leahy said.

#### **Looking for Sponsors**

When a company is approached for a donation, it is asked if it would like to make a donation or perhaps sponsor a game. Donations are welcome, but ideally the department would like to see every UNO home

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## "Fair Game" Offers More for Actors than for Audiences

Review By Joel D. Stevens

Let me make it clear that I do not enjoy slamming films with genuinely good intentions. But this film has no good intentions, never mind being a "good film." "Fair Game" is the greatest argument for a standard of good filmmaking in Hollywood.

"Fair Game" is little more than a "high concept" action film from action-film producer Joel Silver who's made better, including "Lethal Weapon 1, 2, and 3." Most importantly, it's a vehicle for two actors with extensive sex appeal and very little acting ability. William Baldwin is the stereotypical, hard-edged detective and Cindy Crawford is the reluctant witness, "attorney who knows to much." They are simply the fluff of the story, the script is as unrealistic as it is hokey.

Crawford, as family attorney Kate McQuean, is the victim of a seemingly random attempted shooting which she escapes with minor injuries. After reporting to the police and giving her statement to Detective Max Fitzpatrick (William Baldwin) their immediate sexual tension is established with biting cynicism of the cop's dislike of attorneys and the attorney's mistrust of police.

As fate would have it, Ms. McQuean failed to sign her statement and Detective Fitzpatrick is reluctantly forced to pursue Ms. McQuean to her lovely beach front home to finalize the statement. As Fitzpatrick arrives Ms.

McQuean stands seductively on her balcony preparing to watch Headline News, an explosion destroys the home sending Ms. McQuean hurling to the water below. Of course Baldwin saves Crawford's character and their bond is established.

As detectives rush McQuean and Fitzpatrick to a safe house, the mysterious events that led to the attempted assassination of Crawford's character are revealed. They revolve around a team of highly trained, technologically advanced, ex-KGB computer hackers operating in south Florida with the intention of stealing millions from Caribbean banks used to launder South American drug money through computer wire transactions.

McQuean's tenuous connection to this equally unrealistic scenario is a client she represents seeking a divorce from her ex-Cuban military husband. She discovers the existence of a valuable boat the client's exhusband conceals and pursues the freighter as an asset in court. The connection to the ex-KGB team is that they are using the beaten freighter as a floating head quarters for their computer safe cracking. Fearing McQuean will seize the boat on a Maritime court's writ, they decide to kill her rather than risk detection.

I know this sounds bizarre when you consider that McQuean would first have to find

the boat and prove the existence of the ship before she could enter a court providing the operations of the ex-KGB team are not done by that time. So the viewer is introduced to what Hollywood calls "high" concept action fare. This film proves that plot is

peripheral. The two leads are literally the plot.

Take a hot male lead, who looks good in a tattered T-shirt or escaping a watery death and who can handle a gun athletically. Throw in a sexy, female co-star, with minimal acting skills and you have high concept.

"Fair Game" was originally scheduled for release in August, when poorly conceived action films have become a staple. So the film has the look of a summer action film—two sexy leads, sun-soaked Florida moodiness, intuitive gun play and above average pyrotechnics. It offers little else since the script is poorly written and uneven in its dialogue and its execution. The direction

William Baldwin, left, and Cindy Crawford share a

William Baldwin, left, and Cindy Crawford share a smooth in the new movie "Fair Game."

(which is hardly worth mentioning) demonstrates the effort of a young director needing work. The style lacks any originality, one can only hope the director wishes he'd used a pseudonym.

I will say this for "Fair Game," if the filmmakers had invested less in gloss and explosive action sequences, and more in a serious acting coach for Crawford, the film would of at least attained respectability. Crawford seems hollow and her monotone is deafening. As her character is repeatedly thrust into peril she remains detached, unemotional and all with perfect makeup.

## Acting and Humor Keep Play from Taking Hostages

Review By Beth Warner

The Shelterbelt's production of "Hostages" was absorbing as it blended elements of tension and humor.

The play is about three men and one woman who are put together in a room and held as political prisoners. Although taking a group of people who wouldn't normally spend time together and putting them in a confined space isn't particularly new, it works in this case.

Af first there are three hostages: a priest, a journalist and a blue-blood ambassador. One might expect the three to bond quickly and to discover how much they all have in common, despite different backgrounds and personalities. But instead they spend the first part of their captivity bickering.

The bickering helps to convey the total misery of the situation — cramped quarters, powerlessness, boredom and fear. This seems like a logical reaction to a stressful, lifethreatening situation. In the second half, the trio is joined by a radiant anthropology student, played by Laura Maloney. Her arrival is the emotional turning point for the hostages.

The mood turns upbeat. They do exercises, play cards and try to smooth over their differences. The audience sees stirrings of romance.

The play is not particularly political. The country where they are held is unspecified.

The hostages use their captivity to share personal stories rather than to discuss the ups and downs of foreign policy.

Each scene begins with the journalist, announcing the number of days they've been in captivity, and then going into a short monologue. There is virtually no scenery in this play. The stage is an elevated square platform

in one corner.

Props are limited to essentials: thick chains for the prisoners, weapons for the captors, an Army-style canteen and a deck of cards. Costumes are also simple: jeans and bare feet for the prisoners, fatigues and black boots for the captors.

The simplicity proves beneficial to the play because it fits the situation. It forces the audience to concentrate on the characters and the dialogue.

This is particularly fitting because all that the prisoners have is one another and conversation.

The acting was brilliant. Christian Nelson played a decidedly annoying aristocratic ambassador, Francis McBride. Shannon Foster, played by Maloney, came across as radiant throughout the ordeal.

Unfortunately there were a few tense moments in which she came across that way when she shouldn't have. Scapini, the jailer, played by D. Kevin Williams, came across as he should have —compassionless. It was difficult to get a good feel for the personality of the journalist, but this had more to do with the script than the acting abilities of L. Scott Blankenship.

Overall the play had a good mix of everything — tension, humor, romance and danger. The dialogue was smart and thought-provoking.

The play moved quickly, which was particularly surprising considering the subject matter.

Shorttelevision and radio broadcasts added a nice touch, as did the musical accompaniment.

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#### This Week: "Hideaway," "The Doctor"

Reviews By Matt Graeve

Recently while I was glancing through a rival newspaper, I saw a review of the movie "Copycat." It said it was an "edge of your seat thriller." I enjoy this kind of movie, so I coughed up the \$6 because I had to take a date in case I got scared.

Although the movie was interesting, I didn't have to use my date. I was still in the mood for a nail biter so I decided to rent the movie "Hideaway."

I figured if it didn't scare me, at least it had Alicia Silverstone in it. Not only did the movie scare me, it had a good plot and good acting. It stars Jeff Goldblum, who was in "The Fly." The tone for the movie is established in the first few scenes.

A nice, clean cut Satan worshiper murders his sister and his mom then takes his own life. He warned them he didn't like lima beans.

Then we see a contrastingly happy family. Who wouldn't be happy with Silverstone as a daughter.

Goldblum's character is on his way back from a trip with his wife and daughter when a dozing truck driver runs them off the road. Eventually the daughter and mother make it out all right, but he dies for a couple of

Normally this would put sort of a damper on things, but he's saved by modern medicine. The only problem is that when he comes back to life, he's somehow connected to a murderer. Not only can be periodically see through the eyes of the murderer, the murder can see through his eyes.

Goldblum fears for his daugter's life (who wouldn't want Alicia Silverstone to blossom into womanhood?) so he pursues the killer. They end up stalking each other. After all the loose ends are tied up, there's a climactic ending that reminds me of "Candyman." "Candyman." "Candyman." Just kidding.



Elizabeth Perkins, left, and William Hurt star in the video release "The Doctor."

When I watch scary movies, I spend so much time trying to find flaws in the plot that I don't get scared.

I found "Hideaway" worth the rental price.

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#### DEADEYE DICK

Almost one year to the day, Ichiban recording artists Deadeye Dick returned to Omaha for a Monday night show at the Ranch Bowl. Last year was definitely "A Different Story." That was the name of their highly rated debut album. They were riding high on the fame of their fluke/hit. "New Age Girl." More than 300 people came in '94. Unfortunately, only 50 came in 195.

Now they have a new album out called "Whirl." It's good, but it has no break-out single like the first one. The first one, "Paralyze Me," sounds good in person, but I haven't heard it on the radio. They played 17 other songs, including an inspired folkie version of the Beatles' "Tax Man." Other good songs were hard-rockin' "I Know Better" and self-described "Blues King," which will be their next video.

I like "Whirl" and recommend it to anyone who enjoys Matthew Sweet's dark pop songs of "Revolver"-era Beatles, I hope the New Orleans-based Dicks don't suffer from the sophomore jinx and become known as a one-hit-wonder. They're better than that. Caleb Guillotte sings, plays guitar and writes most of the songs. He said, "There is no new age girl except in the minds of everyone who hears the song-we all know one."

Bassist Mark Miller's personality lights up the stage, while Billy Landry is a reliable Ringo Starr-like drummer. Both sing

harmony, giving Deadeye Dick a full, rich stage sound.

In spite of the low turnout, the band put on an enthusiastic hour-and-20-minute show. The crowd called out songs for them to play and cheered loudly after each song.

I saw a really good Irish band Oct. 25 at the Ranch Bowl. They're more like U2 than anything else, but not as strident. Most of their songs had a funky rhythm, which owed more to Memphis than Dublin (their hometown). I really liked "Traveller" from their first album, "Magico, Magico" and "Wickerman" from recent release "Nest." LIR, named after an ancient Irish nobleman, were ending a ninemonth American tour after one more show in Chicago. I hope they left with a good impression of America. My impression of LIR and their music was great!

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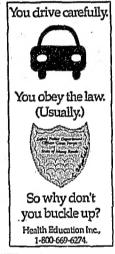
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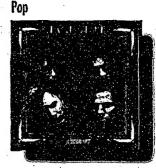




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Life of Agony Ugly



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#### Rock



Seven Mary Three American Standard



Raised on the college and club scene around Virginia's College of William & Mary and solidified on the Orlando, Florida club circuit, the rock quartet's widely proised live powers have spread the word on the band's thought-provoking, emotive and groove-laden organic sound.

#### Soul

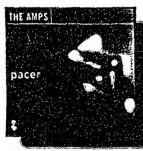


Solo Solo



The group Solo debuts "new classic soul" on the first release. The incredible vocals delivered by this group can be attributed directly to genetics - with Sam cooke and The Drifters as family members, how could they go wrong?

#### Alternative



Amps Pacer

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First as a member of the Pixies, then as the top Breeder, Kim Deal has become an alternative music icon. Now Kim turns it up a notch with Pacer, the first release from her new band The Amps. Laden with melody, harmony, wit and charm, Pacer is sure to be one of the top Alternative pop hits of the season.

#### Alternative



Polyphemus Stonehouse

Polyphemus are steeping the definitive tripped-out desert groove. Drawing their inspiration from the sun-baked Mohave desert, and a reverence for timeless pop songs, Polyphemus meld fuzzed-out guitars, oblique wordplay, and lush textures into an infectious lysergic brew.

#### Alternative



Sundial Acid Yantra

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#### Singer/Songwriter



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#### Soundtrack



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#### Alternative



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#### Alternative



Blackgrape It's Great When You're Straight



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#### Soul



Asante Asante Mode

COLUMBIA

As you listen your mind drifts...to summer nights, to distant lovers, dreams lost and found, slow dancin' and good lovin'. The mood is old-school '70s but the setting is strictly '90s.

#### Soul



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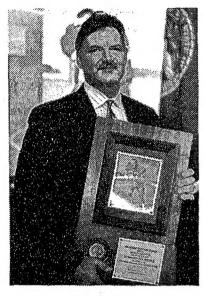
#### Four Inducted into UNO Sports Hall of Fame

By Tony Reinke

Four UNO graduates stepped under the lights for one last time at the annual UNO Athletic Hall of Fame banquet Wednesday night.

Dominick Polifrone, Lori Schutte-Schaal, Mark Manning and Becky Wilson-Kapperman were the featured athletes at the 20th annual banquet.

Each of them brought their sports careers back to life and each brought stories of life after sports.



Dominick Polifrone (1966-69)

A native of Hackensack, N.J., Polifrone played under Head Football Coach Al Caniglia for four years. In his senior season he was named a first-team all-American after 81 tackles as a defensive lineman.

"Playing football for UNO was one of the best things that ever happened to me," he said. "Playing in Omaha I feel that I am a resident of two states — Hackensack, N.J. and Omaha, Neb. The people of Omaha treated me as one of their own."

After graduation he played semi-pro football, worked as a county prosecutor in New Jersey and has worked for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for the past two years. Under his leadership with the BATF he overlooks drug trafficking crack-down projects and helps fight federal crimes.



Lori Schutte-Schaal (1984-87)

A two-time all-American from Beemer, Neb., Schutte-Schall led the Lady Mavs volleyball team to four regional bids and three Final Four appearances during her career. She was named the Lady Mav Athlete of the Year in 1987-88 and holds school records for hitting percentage for a season and career.

The 1988 graduate has used her teaching and volleyball skills since then as a head coach and teacher at Bellevue East High School.

"I think the commitment and dedication that I learned here at UNO has really cultivated my love for the game. I am passing that on to my players so they can learn to love it as much as I do," she said.

Schutte-Schaal is married and has two children.



Becky Wilson-Kapperman (1982-85)

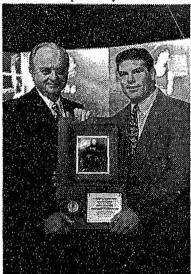
Wilson-Kapperman, a two-time all-American in track, won nine North Central Conference titles and holds 14 school records.

"I was not planning on going to college, and I was happy at home (in Columbus, Neb.)," she said. "I didn't want to leave home, but UNO saw me run in the state tournament my senior year in high school. I was offered a scholarship and I decided to come."

The banking and finance major served as a graduate assistant in 1986 on the track team. Wilson-Kapperman coached the Omaha Christian Academy track team for two years.

She is married, has four children and is a homemaker.





Mark Manning (1981-85)

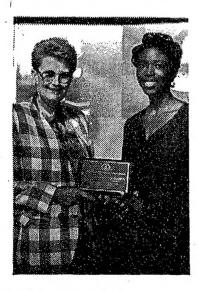
Manning, a two-time Division II champion in wrestling, ranks third in career wins at UNO. He won 150-pound championships in 1983 and 1985.

Manning transferred from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1980 before suiting up in 1981.

Manning wrestled on the national team for five years after college and worked for eight years as an assistant wrestling coach at the University of North Carolina. He has been a wrestling coach at the University of Oklahoma for the past two years.

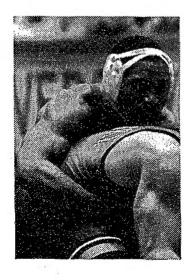
"The main reason that I chose UNO was the coaching staff," he said

#### 1995 Female Athlete of the Year



Kimberley Osler Brown, right, with Asst. Athetic Director Connie Claussen. Brown was awarded Female Athlete of the Year. The Omaha Central graduate won the Division II indoor 55-meter hurdle championship last winter.

#### 1995 Male Athlete of the Year



•Ralphael Kizzee (wrestling) was awarded the Male Athlete of the Year. He won 37 of 41 matches last season and earned the Division II national championship at 167 pounds.



 David Sokol was awarded the Maverick Man of the Year award.

Other honorees at the banquet were:

•Sheri Idelman was awarded the Lady Mav Distinguished Person award. She is a chairwoman for the annual Diet Pepsi UNO Women's Walk.

•First National Bank of Omaha was awarded the Corporate Citizens award.

#### Lady Mavs Fall to NCC Leaders Northern Colorado

By Tony Reinke

The University of Northern Colorado volleyball team capitalized on early leads in three of four games Tuesday night to defeat UNO 10-15, 16-14, 10-15, 13-15.

UNO drops to 19-9 overall and 12-6 in the conference. UNC, the conference leader, moves to 29-2 on the season and 17-1 in the NCC.

Senior Denise Otten led the Lady Mavs' with a .372 hitting percentage and punched down 18 kills.

"Northern Colorado had a hard time of stopping Denise Otten at the net," Shires said.

Tanya Cate led UNO with 20 kills but it was sophomore Erin Shafer that impressed UNC Head Coach Linda Delk.

"Shafer was hot. She ripped us apart and we couldn't stop her," she said. "We would move the block out and she would kill us, we would move the block in and she would pound the ball to the floor."

Shafer finished with 12 kills.

The Lady Mavs took early deficits in all four games, including a 1-7 deficit in game two. A service ace by Otten and four kills by Cate sparked a 10-1 rally and gave UNO a 16-14 game two victory.

The Bears took a 6-1 lead early in game three and a 5-1 lead in game four.

"At times the team doubts themselves

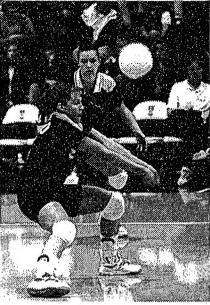
whether or not they can beat Northern Colorado," Shires said. "It's very difficult to come back from early deficits."

Another factor in the match was the critical errors the Lady Mavs committed. UNO committed 10 service errors compared with UNC's five.

"When you play a team of their ability, two or three errors will make a difference," Shires said. With three matches remaining, UNO Head Coach Rose Shires said that their postseason hopes are 90 percent outside the hands of their power. An Augustana victory over North Dakota State and a St. Cloud State victory over Morningside would help keep that flame alive.

"This is the best we have played all year," Shires said. "I always want my team to play their best toward the end of the season."





Sophomore Christyn Malone bumps a kill. She had 14 in the match.

Sophomores Kim Gerdes, left in photo at left, and Tanya Cate dive for the ball in the Mavs' match against Northern Colorado.

#### **Sideline**

#### **Cross Country**

At the NCC/NCAA Division II Regional meet last Saturday in Grand Forks, N.D., two UNO athletes qualified for the big race in Spartanburg, S.C.

Sophomore Elise Henry and freshman Tara Biltoft will run in the NCAA Division II National meet this month after they were the top two runners from a non-qualifying team. The Lady Mays finished seventh in the field of 10, in which only the top four teams move

Henry, who holds the fastest 5,000 meter time in the NCC this season (17:34), ran in seventh place Saturday, posting a time of 18:24. She has won three of the five races that she's competed in this season.

Biltoft finished right behind Henry in eighth place with an 18:25 race time. In UNO's North Central Region, Biltoft posted a 5,000 meter time of 18:10 this season, good enough for the ninth quickest time this year.

Other Lady Mays' results from the regional meet: Shannon Williams 20:04 (43rd), Jami Brown 20:38 (58th), Kelly Koziol 21:19 (63rd), Michelle Patterson 21:30 (64th) and Katie McDonnell 23:27 (68th).

#### Basketball

Defeating Team USA Basketball 124-118 in last year's shootout, first-year Head Coach Kevin Lehman and his UNO Mays tip off their final exhibition game Saturday, November 11 at 7 p.m. in the UNO Fieldhouse.

USA Basketball, which consists of former Mays basketball players, including all-time leading scorer Dean Thompson, Thor Palomore, Glen Moberg, Dave Felici, Steve Criss and Dan Archie, look to give the Mays a run again this year.

UNO is coming off of an 11-16 season and returns 11 letter winners and five starters. The Mays will open the 1995-96 season Friday, Nov. 17 at Wayne State College. Their first home game is Tuesday Nov. 21 against Doane College at 7 p.m.

#### UNO's probable starters:

Center #50 Senior John Skokan (6-10, 261, Omaha)
Forward #55 Junior Derrick Bogay (6-6, 211, East St. Louis, Mo.)
Forward #42 Soph. Tim Burrell (6-6, 225, Englewood, Co.)
or #44 Junior James Miller (6-5, 205, Moss Point, Ms.)
Guard #12 Junior Richard Jones (6-0, 170, Chicago, II.)

Guard #25 Senior Andy Price (6-2, 186, Salina, Ks.) or #11 Soph. Shadric Thomas (6-3, 194, Chicago, II.)

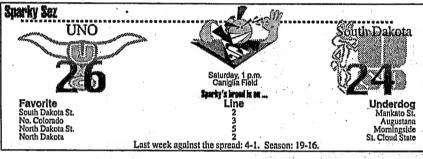
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The Mays open their 1995-96 season Sunday at the Central Missouri State Open against most of the top NCAA Division II and NAIA teams in the area.

UNO Head Coach Mike Denney, the 1981 and 1991 NCAA Division II Coach of the Year, is now in his 16th season with the Mays and looks to repeat as North Central Conference Champions. UNO finished second at the nationals last year behind Central Oklahoma.

In NCC action last season, the Mays finished a perfect 7-0 in the conference and 8-2 overall. They have four returning all-Americans including 167 pound National Champion Raphael Kizzee (37-4), Pat Kelley III fourth at 190 (31-12), Hwt. Wade Kroeze fourth with a 15-10 record last season and Chandron State transfer Tony Johnson at 134 pounds.

The Mavs' second-place finish last season marked the 15th Top 10 finish by a Mike Denney-team in 16 seasons, the 12th Top 5 finish and the ninth Top 3 standing. Their first home appearance this season will be at the **Kaufman-Brand Open** in the Fieldhouse **Nov.** 18 at 10 a.m. The meet, the largest one-day collegiate event in the nation, is expected to attract nearly 500 competitors from over 30 teams.





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The wrap-up speech, "Breaking Free -Moving Toward Liberation," will be given by Douglas Paterson, a UNO professor.

"I recommend it, especially to teachers, counselors and anyone else who is in any way involved with youth," Macchietto said.

The conference will be held Tuesday., Nov. 14, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and the cost is \$49. For more information or to register, call 595-

#### •From Life, page 1•

requires a larger star to go any further in its

For these reasons, Hagen-Bauer said, the oldest part of the star population can be ruled out as part of the search for extraterrestrial

She ruled out Mercury because of its proximity to the sun and its high temperatures. Mercury is also too small to hold onto the atmosphere necessary for habitation, she said.

Venus was ruled out because of the high temperatures and sulfuric acid clouds. And the large volcanoes ruled out Mars, Hagen-

Planetwide dust storms and a large, polar ice cap add to the reasons why Mars cannot support habitation, she said.

Jupiter's cold atmosphere and distance from the sun would probably make life im-

"Jupiter is simply too cold, too far away, and too big. There is also an overabundance of hydrogen and helium in its atmosphere. But more interesting is the fact that there is no hard surface to this planet — that we have found. It is just the atmosphere, then a slushy surface. If there is an inner core that has mass to it, scientists are unaware of it at this time," Hagen-Bauer said.

"Maybe there is only one planet in each ecosystem that will be able to support habitation," she said.

Hagen-Bauer said there are necessary elements to sustain life and even then the possibility of life evolving on these planets is slim. But given the right conditions, life will

After life has formed, she said, there are questions whether or not it will survive and eventually become an intelligent civilization. Natural selection of the correct characteristics favors the development of intelligent life.

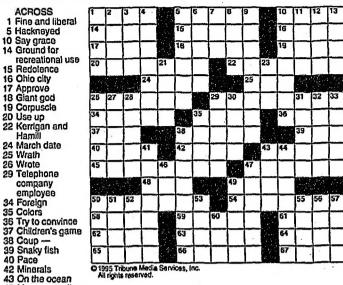
"If there is other life out there, we hope it will get curious and find a way to communicate with our world," Hagen-Bauer said.

Scientists use technology capable of searching millions of incoming waves at a time, she said, but have not been able to repeat any unusual return transmissions.

"We have had some intriguing signals that looked promising but were never seen again. The scientific community believes that any true signal would be repetitive and therefore found more than once," Hagen-Bauer said.

"I would guess there probably is life out there, but I don't know for sure. It's very likely. . .and we are seriously going to look closer at some fossils that are possibly on Mars. It has many dried river beds to search as well. It's the planet that is most likely to have supported life at one time.' "To quote a Pogo cartoon, 'Either we are the only ones around or there is someone else out there.' Either way it's a pretty sobering thought," she said.

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the spectrum— a tearjerker.

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If you've ever seen the TV show "Chicago Hope" then you probably enjoy the stunning performances of Mandy Patinkin, Adam Arkin and Christine Lahti as doctors. They all previously starred in a movie, appropriately titled "The Doctor."

"The Doctor" is a simple enough story, a jerk doctor finds out he has cancer and has to become a patient. Simple. Easy.

The movie though is an amazing movie because it stretches the storyline with its' performances, most notably John Heard as the aforementioned doctor, Jack MacKee.

MacKee is a surgeon whose basic philosphy of patients is get them in, cut them up, get them out. When he finds himself on the receiving end of the same kind of care, he learns a little about bedside manner.

Christine Lahti plays Jack's wife, Anne. Jack has trouble explaining his problems to Anne, and he ends up turning to a fellow patient for understanding, played by Elizabeth Perkins.

She has a brain tumor that was misdiagnosed at first and is now too late to remove. Knowing she has only a few months to live, she gives herself a new lease on life (sorrybad cliche).

The drama is adult fun. It is thick on dialogue but not so much on action, but I hope you wouldn't be looking for action from a film titled "The Doctor." ER it ain't.

The good thing about this movie is that it is sure to make any woman, with a pulse and a heart at least, cry. It's a good date movie.

It's even interesting to see Adam Arkin play a jerk doctor and Mandy Patinkin play a sympathetic one, a total flip of their characters on "Chicago Hope."

I'd wait to pay a late fee for "The Hideaway" but if you're all caught up on your video dues, check out "The Doctor." Get itcheck out. Never mind.

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game corporately sponsored. Estimated costs for football games and basketball doubleheaders are \$5,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

"There are usually six home football games, so I don't see having problems there. But there are close to 30 basketball games, not to mention volleyball," Leahy said.

In return for sponsoring a game, the athletic department donates tickets to the company, puts up advertisements in the Fieldhouse or stadium and invites a member of the company to be an honorary coach.

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Some of the companies involved include Hy-Vee Food Stores, Cox Communications, Physicians Mutual, First National Bank, Rod Kush's Furniture, Idelman Telemarketing, Sears, JC Penny and Godfather's Pizza.

An important part of this fund raising is Assistant Athletic Director Bob Danenhauer. His responsibilities include selling advertisement slots located on the banners in the stadium, the score boards both in the Fieldhouse and stadium, and the announcer's table in the Fieldhouse and the radio.

In the future, the athletic department would like to have enough resources to start a men's Division I hockey team. Along with hockey, four women's sports would be added: golf, tennis, swimming and soccer.

"This program [hockey] would be unique to Omaha, and it's a profit-making sport that will help meet the expenses of all the other programs," Leahy said.

A campaign is planned to raise revenue to build an addition onto the Fieldhouse as well as to renovate the building. The cost of this endeavor is estimated at \$9.25 million, and it is being headed by a special campaign committee. The director of the committee will be announced in the spring.

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## Proposed Aid Cuts Face Do-or-Die Week in Congress Student pressure forces Senate amendments; Clinton has veto pen ready

By Kate Kalamaja

What will happen in the next week or so with student federal aid has a cloud of questions hovering over Washington.

"It seems to almost change hourly," said Tom Melecki, vice president of policy and planning at the Nebraska Higher Education Student Loan Program.

Dianne Fick, director at NEBHELP, said that while the Senate and the House of Representatives have met and have a bill ready to present to President Clinton this week, things are still "up in the air."

A number of items the Budget Reconciliation Bill originally proposed, Fick said, will now most likely not happen.

"They were looking at cutting the interest subsidy during the six- month grace period on the Stafford Loan that a student applies for."

The federal government currently pays the loan interest while the student uses the loan during school. And it continues paying the interest for six months after the student's graduation or withdrawal from school.

"The Senate said they were going to originally eliminate the six-month grace period," Fick said. "But the Senate realized they had more money than they thought, and they don't need to cut it."

The majority of college students who have loans have Stafford Loans, Fick said, because the Stafford is the easiest for students to qualify for, with the added grace period other loans don't have.

The State Student Incentive Program is a program that could be affected, Fick said.

"Fliat program is funded by a match of federal and state funds. The grants wouldn't be allocated to the states any longer and the money would come all from state funds, possibly causing the amount of funding to go down."

The Perkins Loan program was in question also, Fick said, because the Senate was looking at not putting any further federal money into the program.

Fick said each college receives a small amount of federal money in the Perkins Loan program.

"What would probably happen is that the schools could continue with the program, but the money would come from a revolvement of funds after students who have the Perkins Loan begin paying the money back. No new federal money would be put into the program."

Nationally, the Stafford and Perkins loans are the top loans used by college students,

Fick said. "The Stafford accounts for 56 percent of aid.

"The Stafford Loan is the largest source of aid. If it (cut in funds) comes about, the Stafford Loan would affect more people moneywise — and that would be a lot of people."

Fick said the Pell Grant program will also be affected, but in a different way.

"The government would change the minimum amount from \$400 to \$600," Fick said.
The people who have Pell Grants now may not be eligible for the grant next year. If the student fills the same eligibility requirements next year as they did this year, they may be cut from the program."

The reason for this change, Fick said, is because the program would focus on those with even lower incomes than before

With the threat of any possible cuts, Fick said, there has been an increasing movement toward students looking for scholarships.

Melecki said that as of Priday the initial cuts proposed by Congress have decreased.

"For students the good news is there won't be any changes," Melecki said. "The only provision in the Budget Reconciliation Bill is that the Senate and the House are working on changing the Parent Loan Program." The Parent Loan Program allows parents to borrow federally insured loans for their children's college education. There is no limit to the amount that can be borrowed.

"The parent may borrow the loan to cover the cost of tuition, fees and room and board, minus any other type of financial assistance, whether that be work study or even scholarships.

"The change Congress would make would put a limit of borrowing no more than \$15,000 per student per year. But we don't expect that to affect too many people here in Nebraska. It would affect more of the private colleges such as on the East and West coasts."

Melecki said colleges taking part in the government's new direct loan program, which UNO doesn't participate in, could also face cuts.

"This program accounts for about 30 percent of all loans in the nation, and they would cut back to about 10 percent nationally," he said.

UNL, Doane College and the Universal Technical Institute in Omaha would be affected to some extent.

"We hope Congress makes sure student loans stay out there."

## A Quick Guide to Financial Aid: What's offered, to whom and how much

By Beth Warner

"The Student Guide: Financial Aid," from the U.S. Department of Education, states that there are three main types of financial aid: Grants, which do not need to be paid back; loans, which need to be paid back; and work study, which provides jobs for students with financial need so they can earn money while in school.

The amount of money the students can receive depends upon the award.

#### Most Rely on Loans

Of the financial aid available, most students receive aid in the form of loans, said Mark Araujo, assistant director of UNO Financial Aid, in a Friday interview.

The guide said that loans are either subsidized or unsubsidized.

Subsidized loans are awarded based on financial need. In a subsidized loan the government pays interest on the loan until the student begins repayment.

In an unsubsidized loan, the student is charged interest on it from the time the student takes it out until the student pays it back. Unsubsidized loans are not awarded on the basis of need.

Students generally have a six-month grace period after they graduate, drop out or drop to less than full-time status before they must begin to repay their loan.

Araujo said it was more likely that proposed aid cuts in the U.S. Congress would cancel the six-month grace period than for subsidized loans to be cut out.

Araujo said the current interest rate for student loans is about 8 percent.

Graduate students and third- or fourthyear undergraduates can borrow more than first- and second-year undergraduates, Araujo said.

He said students can't be awarded more than their cost of attendance, which varies from student to student.

For example, a student living with their parents would be expected to have lower expenses than a student living alone or renting a house with friends. Araujo said cuts in the last few years have been the hardest on

single independent students without dependents and married students without dependents.

Students usually have to wait about four weeks from the time they apply for aid until they receive notification of their award, Araujo said.

Students can still apply for financial aid for this semester. A student can even apply retroactively, Araujo said. For example, a student can apply in the spring for aid to cover the previous fall semester.

Araujo said students should fill out their financial aid form for the 1996-97 school year as soon as possible after the first of the year, by Jan. 1, 1996. He said "free money," such as grants, is more likely to be awarded to students who apply early. Araujo said it is often a situation of "You snooze, you lose."

Students often overlook the value of work study, Araujo said, because there are other opportunities to make money such as doing telephone work, which pays from \$7 to \$8 an hour.

He said students don't realize that all the money they make counts against them next year.

#### Hidden Value of Work Study

Although money earned in work study is taxable income and must be reported as such, the money a student earns from work study is not counted in figuring eligibility for financial aid. For example, a student might earn a total of \$7,000 in one year, but if \$3,000 of that was earned from work study, it would look as if the student made \$4,000 when it came to figuring income for financial aid eligibility, Araujo said.

"When we get a good work study they are so valuable to us, so we try to make sure that they can balance work, school and home life. We work with that student."

He said valuing work studies and allowing the student flexible scheduling is pretty consistent from department to department.

"We rely on our work studies," he said. Work-study students are paid by a combination of money from the department em-

ploying the student and federal funds, he said. For example, the department might pay 35 percent while the federal government would pay the rest, he said.

Araujo said the pay rate for work studies varies depending on how much money the department has available.

#### Grants

Generally, in order to be eligible for grant money, a student must earn less than \$7,000 a year. Araujo said, which is basically a bench mark. He said there are so many variables that come into play when it comes to figuring financial aid that it's very difficult to pin it down to an actual number.

Araujo said if was not uncommon for students to receive financial aid after graduation in order to return to school for a second degree or for certification.

A student might graduate with a degree in biology and learn there is little he or she can do with that degree outside of going to medical school or graduate school.

The student might return to school for a teaching degree or some other type of certification. In this situation the student receives aid in the form of loans.

But, Araujo said, there are limits.

"Every once in a while there is that one person, the eternal student who returns to school again and again. We have to say no more at some point," Araujo said. This is really for the students' benefit, he said, so they don't go too far into debt.

Araujo said that students sometimes lose their financial aid because they are unable to keep up with their classes. Sometimes this is due to an unavoidable situation such as when a family member becomes ill, he said.

Often it's because students "just bite off too much." Students will try to work full time, take a full load of classes and keep a personal life on top of it all. In this situation, Araujo said, "School usually takes a back seat." He said students need to be "judgment day honest" with themselves when planning their semester so they don't take on more than they can handle.

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#### **Private Aid is Buyer Beware Market**

By Brian J. Todd

Free Money!

You've seen the ads. They are plastered on bulletin boards around campus and some have even appeared in the Gateway. They offer you free cash for school—some say more than \$6 billion went unclaimed last year—if you'll just dial their 800

But where does all this money come from? And who are the agencies that will so generously help you find scholarships for school?

Most of these agencies are private companies that are in business to help students through the labyrinth of scholar-

A lot of the money available in private scholarships and grants comes from large corporations such as GE, Boeing and Microsoft. The corporations use the scholarship donations as a tax write-off and for some low-cost publicity.

Other sources of private scholarships are religious organizations, civic clubs and the military.

The agencies match students up with likely scholarships based on a student's religious affiliation, major field of study, organizations to which the student's parents might belong, such as Kiwanas Clubs, Daughters of the American Revolution or other aspects of a students background.

Though the agencies may place ads promoting "Free Money!" let the buyer beware.

An ad in the St. Cloud State University Chronicle on Oct. 6 offering free financial aid help listed a phone number, which is now no longer in service.

"A lot of these companies with 800 numbers aren't around for a long time," said Diane Fick of the Foundation for Educational Funding, a division of NEBHELP.

Another agency that had advertised in the Gateway earlier this semester turned out to be anything but free. A phone call revealed that the company required a \$95 processing fee,

which could be paid only by giving a checking account number over the phone. The same company refused to give its mailing address over the phone or its local phone number in New York City (so that it could be checked with the local Better Business Bureau).

A third company that had placed ads promoting free money in college newspapers such as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Daily Nebraskan and the Reporter at Mankato State University required a \$69.95 fee for its ser-

This company, however, is a member of the BBB of western Washington and would let students pay by checking account number, credit card or money order. It also promised a money-back guarantee if a student could not find at least \$300 in grants or scholarships.

"Generally, businesses like that need to make money some way," Fick said. She said that though there have been companies that swindle students through the promise of free money, there are some legitimate agencies out there. But, she said, "If they don't sound legitimate they are probably not.'

Fick said there are many scholarships and grants that go unawarded every year, but often these are the ones with difficult criteria to meet. She said she would urge all students to be realistic about finding easy money.

Fick said the Foundation for Educational Funding can not only help students find private scholarships, but it will also help students who are seeking federal grants, scholarships or loans. Also, FEF is a free service since it receives state funding and is a nonprofit organization.

If a student wants to go through a private agency to find financial aid, Fick said, they should check with the BBB first. If the company is not completely forthcoming, students should consider taking their business elsewhere.

#### Some UNO Students Fearful of Future Without Financial Aid

By Marylynne Ziemba

As the proposed financial aid cuts in Washington are rocking both the House and the Senate, tremors are being felt at colleges and universities around the country.

When it comes to postsecondary education, the cost of getting an education isn't cheap. By the time tuition costs and fees, books and supplies, living expenses and food are added in, students find that their expenses end up looking more like the national debt than the cost of getting an education:

But with financial aid programs and benefits expected to be cut from the national budget, some students who are currently financing their education through student loans may have to look elsewhere for funding.

These types of assistance are necessary for many people to be able to go to school?" UNO student Brian West said. "If the federal government takes this away, many people are going to have to end up dropping out of school and flipping own."

Even though President Clinton is telling the nation he will veto the bill, many dread that these nightmarish cuts will become a reality. The aftershocks of these cuts, if passed, will affect more people than just students. It is expected that enrollment numbers at colleges and universities nationwide will begin to slide. In addition, the education level of the average American will eventually slide as well.

"It is essential, not only for the future of individual students, but for the future of the United States that education remain a priority," UNO junior Jim Lake said. "If we turn our backs on our students we are turning our backs on our

As the cost of a college education rises, even with parental financial assistance, many students agree that their education depends on the financial aid they receive.

"If I lose my financial aid, I'm outta here," Justine Stephens\*( name has been changed) said. "Some of us just can't write a check every semester, then go out and pay for books and not end up eating macaroni and cheese and saltines for the next four months. If these loans are cut, many of us are going to end up trying to make a living

without a college degree."

Both supporters and opponents of the proposal are urging students and parents to voice their opinions to their senators and representatives. Many opponents are hoping burgers because they can't afford to pay for school on their that by showing politicians the dissent back home, these programs will be saved.

"It's hard to believe that so many politicians are actually supporting these cuts. Because there are so many students out there who will be affected by these cuts if they pass, it's really important for students to let these supporters know that they oppose these cuts," UNO freshman Michelle Jensen said. "Hopefully, once they start thinking about their re-election possibilities, they will start listening to the students, who are voters, who oppose these

#### **Students Urged to Voice Opinions on Cuts**

By Marylynne Ziemba

With all the recent controversy and debates about proposed federal financial aid cuts, many students have found themselves confused. Not only is it difficult for students to wade through the propaganda from both sides and determine what the proposals really mean, but students end up feeling hopeless, not knowing what they can do to voice their concerns.

First and foremost, it is important for students to stay informed and to pay close attention to proposals and rulings in Washington, D.C. By keeping themselves informed, students will not only know their options, but they will have the opportunity to voice their opinions or dissatisfaction.

In addition, students should let their congressmen and senators know their opinions - whether they be in support of or in opposition to the representative's own stance. By calling, sending a letter, fax or E-mail to their representative, students are letting their opinions be known, and possibly the opinions of many other students as well.

"It's important that students be aware of what is going on

in Washington," said Kathy Copas, assistant director of UNO Financial Aid. "We have had posters up since spring. Congressman Bill Barrett has been on the education committee and is an excellent source to contact."

A decision is expected to be made soon on the proposed budget cuts. What this means is that students must show either their support or opposition because it will soon be too late.

"Unfortunately, it all hinges on the budget and the reconciliation bill in front of both the House and the Senate," Copas said. "It might soon get to the point where it's too late to do anything.

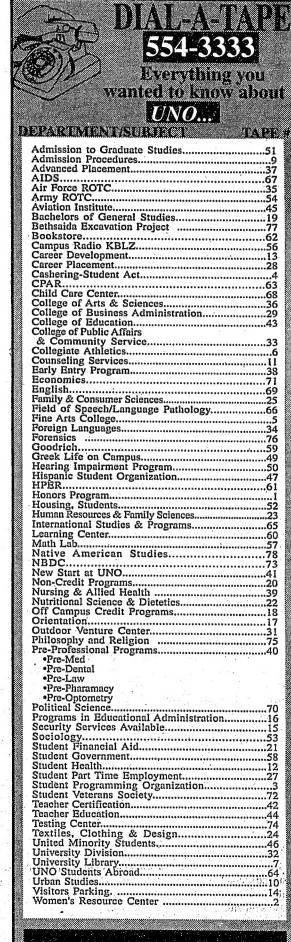
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#### **Political Differences at Heart** of Battle Over Financial Aid

#### By Christine Mixan

Proposed financial aid cuts currently working their way through Congress might be enough for students to think twice about what lays ahead on their college education path..

The U.S. House of Representatives has called for a \$10.2 billion reduction in an attempt to balance the budget, while the Senate has proposed a \$5.9 billion savings, said Justin Peterson, a Republican and current UNO Student President/ /Regent. Peterson said the conference committee will end up with figures closer to the \$5.9 billion reductions.

"There is no way that the Senate will allow the House to follow through with the 10.2 billion dollar cuts," Peterson said. "The issue of the financial aid cuts has been extremely overblown in the media and therefore has the general public in a panic that they should not be in."

#### "No Negtive Effects"

Peterson said the cuts will have no real negative effects on students. The proposal does not eliminate school interest subsidy and does not increase the loan origination fee paid by

"As an American and a student, I am personally in wholehearted support of the cuts," Peterson said. "There are just too many misconceptions about how the cuts will affect students. If we do not demand a balanced budget from our elected leaders, then we will clearly not have a future."

There are, however, dissenting opinions from the Democratic point of view. Paul Landow, director of the Nebraska Democratic Party and a part -time professor at UNO, said there are definitely negative short- and long-term results that will come from the financial aid cuts.

"The Republican Contract on America cuts the heart out of subsidized student loans. The immediate effect of these cuts will be a drastic increase in the costs for student aid, making it considerably more expensive for middle-class people to attend college," Landow said. "The long-term result will be that fewer middle-class students will be able to afford college and in the Republican party tradition, only the wealthy need apply." \*

Adam Broheimer, state chairman of the Nebraska College Republicans, said Republicans are not trying to hurt the middle class. He says that everyone will need to sacrifice in

Like Peterson, Broheimer said that there will be only positive outcomes from the financial aid cuts.

#### **Cuts Needed for Balanced Budget**

"The long-term result of these cuts will be a balanced budget. We need to ask ourselves, do we want to take a cut now, tighten our belts a little, and work a couple of extra hours, or do we want to suffer hard in the future?" Broheimer said. "We all have to give our fair share. Congress can't and isn't going after one particular group. As a matter of fact, the Republicans have always been known to support the military. But we've cut the military's budget too. In other words, the Republicans can't be accused of being too harsh on one

Landow said that what the Republicans have proposed so far will indeed hurt the middle class, elderly, veterans and certainly students

#### Typical Baloney

"The claim that the Republican's are not hurting middleclass students is typical Republican baloney. It's 99percent fact free," Landow said. "We need to make the government smaller and more efficient, but in doing so, we should not prevent young people from attending college. The Republican budget attempts massive cuts to lower taxes for wealthy Americans. Middle-class students should not be prevented from attending college just so that the wealthy will have the special privilege of paying lower taxes."

Peterson said the Democrats are basically trying to give the Republicans a bad reputation.

"I believe that the Democrats are running scared. They don't have a plan to balance the budget. They've held the reigns in Congress for 40 years and now they are refusing to be proactive," Peterson said. "The Republicans have come in and want to make a change for the better, but the Democrats are trying to convince the public that we are taking away our generation's opportunities. That's a flat-out lie. The thing that disgusts me most is that if the Democrats were really looking out for us, they would be trying to balance our budget."

Julie McKnight, graduate teaching assistant at UNO, said that cutting financial aid for students is the wrong area to make such drastic cuts.

"There will not only be a decline in the number of students who attend college, but the ethnic diversity of the college as a whole will also greatly suffer," McKnight said. "Our country will, no doubt, go into a social coma. Education is the pillar of a growing and expanding society. Without proper financial aid, our country as a whole will be in dire

#### **Not Offering Solutions**

Broheimer said the Democrats are more than willing to criticize the Republican plans, but they are not offering any solutions to the problem.

"Both parties no doubt love America and want to see it grow and succeed, but both parties also have extremely different philosophies on how to get there," Broheimer said. "The Republicans believe in the importance of each individual working hard to get where they're going, but the Democrats believe that the individual doesn't know what is best for them and therefore expects the government to look out for everyone."

McKnight said that it was a shame to see such fierce criticism and competition taking place between the two

"The goal of both parties is a noble one. But there shouldn't be such a negative distinction between the two parties. Americans shouldn't primarily identify themselves as only a Democrat or only a Republican, but should first and foremost identify themselves as the government of the United

Randy Sell, director of UNO Financial Aid, said he considers himself an Independent and therefore could understand both the Republican and Democratic points of

"I'm not a political animal, but I do know that Congress has a hard job. One of their responsibilities as an elected official is obviously to balance America's budget. I feel that both parties are working hard to do this," Sell said.

Sell said he recognizes the fact that everyone will be trying hard to defend their program and will be presenting good arguments for their case. Sell said that he is not so sure that education is a good place to begin making major cuts.

'I do believe that Congress should take a good, hard look at other areas that can be cut before they dip too hard into cutting financial aid programs," Sell said. "After all, education is an investment in the future. The government is not wasting their money on financial aid. These students will give back to society what they have been given."

#### CERTAIN RIGHTS IF YOU TAKE OUT LOANS.

Before your school makes a student's first loan disbursement, you should receive some of the following information:

The full amount of the loan.

The interest rate.

When you must begin repaying the loan.
The yearly and total amounts you can borrow.

An explanation of default and its consequences. The fees you should expect during the repayment period, such as late charges and collection or litigation costs if you default.

A loan repayment schedule which lets you know when your first payment is due, the number and frequency of payments, and the amount of each payment.

#### HOW TO FIND STUDENT AID:

- Contact the UNO Financial Aid Office at 554-2327. Contact the Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) Program.
- To find the names of Nebraska state agencies call: 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)
  Contact the UNO Library at 554-3206.
  Contact one of the Omaha public libraries.
- - Call 444-5858 for hours.
  - Call the main library information line (Also TDD
- Contact different foundations, religious organizations, fraternities, sororities, or other organizations.

  Check with local and civic groups such as the 4-H
- Club, The Jaycees, The Chamber of Commerce, or the American Legion.
- Some companies and businesses have programs to help pay for the cost of tuition for their employees or employees' children.
- Check with the department of your major to see if any scholarships are offered.

To receive a free copy of The Student Guide: Financial Aid from the U.S Department of Education, write to: Federal Student Aid Information Center P.O. Box 84 Washington, D.C. 20044-0084

#### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- To receive federal student aid publications: 1-319-337-5665.
- Inquiries on federal student financial aid applications being processed or if in need of a student aid report: 1-800-730-8913.
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